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Hot Doc: Nutrition Labels Coming to a Vending Machine Near You

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Changes might soon be coming to campus as part of a bill that was passed back in 2010. How these changes will be implemented on campus is hard to tell, but if and when they come they will be evident to everyone. As part of the [Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010](#), Section 4205 (NUTRITION LABELING OF STANDARD MENU ITEMS AT CHAIN RESTAURANTS) of the bill requires that “the vending machine operator [who operate 20 or more machines] shall provide a sign in close proximity to each article of food or the selection button that includes a clear and conspicuous statement disclosing the number of calories contained in the article.” As an effort to help the public in keeping track of everything that is consumed, consumers will now have the option to read the nutritional information of the products being purchased before purchasing them.

Read more about the Requirements for Vending Machine Operators from the Food and Drug Administration at <http://www.fda.gov/Food/LabelingNutrition/ucm217762.htm>. You can also read *Food Labeling: Calorie Labeling of Articles of Food in Vending Machines NPRM* at <http://www.fda.gov/downloads/Food/LabelingNutrition/UCM249278.pdf> to help yourself further understand this legislation and how it will be implemented.

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